

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (cancel)
2. (cancel)
3. (cancel).
4. (cancel)
5. (currently amended) A method of testing for a cedar pollen allergy, said method comprising the steps of:
 - (a) preparing T cells from a subject,
 - (b) preparing an RNA sample from said T cells,
 - (c) conducting hybridization with said RNA sample using a ~~nucleic acid that specifically hybridizes to~~ probe comprising nucleotides of gene 513, wherein the nucleotides consist of a segment of nucleotides between positions 36[[-]] and 1171 of SEQ ID NO:1 or the complement thereof as a probe, wherein said probe is labeled, and
 - (d) measuring the amount of RNA that is derived from said subject and that hybridizes with said probe, and comparing said amount with the amount of RNA of a control group which has ~~normal level~~ 3.5 AU/mL or less of cedar pollen specific IgE, wherein if the amount of gene 513 RNA is significantly higher in a sample from the subject than in the control group, then the subject is determined to have a cedar pollen allergy.
6. (currently amended) A method of testing for a cedar pollen allergy, said method comprising the steps of:
 - (a) preparing T cells from a subject,
 - (b) preparing an RNA sample from said T cells,

- (c) synthesizing cDNA by conducting reverse transcription reaction with said RNA sample,
 - (d) conducting polymerase chain reaction (PCR) using said cDNA as template and a primer that ~~specifically hybridizes to~~ comprising nucleotides of gene 513, wherein the nucleotides consist of a segment of nucleotides between positions 36[[-]] and 1171 of SEQ ID NO: 1 or the complement thereof, and
 - (e) comparing the amount of DNA amplified by said PCR with a control group which has ~~normal level~~ 3.5 AU/mL or less of cedar pollen specific IgE, wherein if the amount of gene 513 cDNA is significantly higher in a sample from the subject than in the control group, then the subject is determined to have a cedar pollen allergy.
7. (original) The method of claim 6, wherein said PCR is carried out by a PCR amplification monitoring method.
8. (previously presented) The method of claims 5, wherein said T cells are prepared from peripheral blood of said subject.
9. (cancel)
10. (new). The method of claim 5, wherein the probe consists of at least 15 nucleotides between positions 36 and 1171 of SEQ ID NO:1 and the complement thereof.
11. (new). The method of claim 6, wherein the primer consists of at least 15 nucleotides between positions 36 and 1171 of SEQ ID NO:1 and the complement thereof.